ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0028]   Transmission of IPsec packets from a first IP sec client (12, 120) to a second IPsec client (14, 140) can occur without adverse results due to traversal of a Network Address Translation (NAT) (22, 250_1, 250_2) device, by wrapping the packet in a non-proprietary tunneling protocol format for transmission to a non-proprietary tunneling protocol format server (16, 160). The server creates a non-proprietary tunneling protocol format tunnel (21, 280_1, 280_2) to the destination IPsec client to allow transmission of the packet through the tunnel so as to avoid any deleterious affects associated by traversal of one or more the NAT devices.